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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

It is an unfortunate that Microsoft was brought into court more than three years ago in the antitrust case. I certainly feel that this case should have never gone to trial. Microsoft has created innovative products that have made computers easier to use for more than twenty years. They should not be punished for being successful.

The reason I am contacting you is because I want you to support the settlement that was offered in this case. The settlement is on the whole fair and balanced, and most importantly it will finally bring this case at the federal level to a close. Both the Plaintiff and Defendant have spent enormous amounts of money and time on this case. Further expenditures will simply be additional waste on both sides. Both sides should settle as soon as is legally possible.

The Justice Department must realize that Microsoft has millions of supporters. While not as loud and cantankerous as anti-Microsoft interests, we do exist and want this case ended. Thank you for considering my views on this issue.

